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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/817,246) Group Art Unit: 2641
Filed: March 27, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: AV INFORMATION PROCESSING UNIT)
AND INFORMATION RECORDING)
MEDIUM, IN WHICH AV)
INFORMATION PROCESSING)
PROGRAM IS RECORDED SO AS TO)
BE CAPABLE OF BEING READ)
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on November 11, 2002 in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application and no fees are believed to be necessary.

A copy of the listed documents is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required,

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Respectfully submitted,

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